



Linda A. Chmielewski Nursing Scholarship CentraCare Foundation

Background

Linda Chmielewski received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, graduated from the Curtis L. Carlson School of Management – Advanced Leadership program and the Executive Program, and obtained her Master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame. She served St. Cloud Hospital for 34 years. Linda was the Vice President of Hospital Operations and Chief Nursing Officer from 1994 to December 2015. Linda was a member of the national nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau International, American Organization of Nurse Executives and Minnesota Organization of Leaders of Nursing. She also served on the Minnesota Hospital Association Nurse Staffing Committee. Achieving Magnet recognition for the organization in 2004 as the 2nd Magnet Hospital in Minnesota is a highlight of Linda’s nursing career. St. Cloud Hospital was again designated in 2009, 2013 and 2017. Magnet designated hospitals are in the top 5% of all organizations internationally. Magnet is the highest national or international recognition for excellence in the delivery of nursing services that are provided in a professional practice environment, promote quality and evidence-based practice, and result in positive patient outcomes.

Award

- The successful scholarship recipient(s) will receive a scholarship toward tuition. The scholarship will be sent directly to the financial aid office of the school indicated.
- The award winner will be announced early May 2021.

To be eligible for consideration an applicant must:

- **Be employed as a registered nurse at St. Cloud Hospital;**
- Be enrolled in a professional nursing degree program as a sophomore, junior or senior;
- Demonstrate qualifications through references, work experience, and professional nursing goals and achievements.

Each applicant must submit the following:

- Scholarship application form (see attached form);
- Resume or curriculum vitae (*include employment history, education history, and community and volunteer work experience*);
- Two letters of recommendation (*not a relative but a mentor, community leader, instructor, etc.*);
- Transcript from the current academic year (transcript must include cumulative grade point average);
- Copy of letter of enrollment into an accredited nursing program.

Application and materials must be received by 8 a.m. Tuesday April 27, 2021.

The application will be disqualified if any of the required materials are not provided.

Return to:

St. Cloud Hospital

Attention: Jen Burris

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2021 Linda A. Chmielewski Nursing Scholarship Fund Application

To be completed by applicant. Please print or type.

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street City State/Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nursing School Enrolled: _____

Degree Pursuing:

- Baccalaureate in Nursing
- Master's in Nursing – specialty: _____
- DNP – specialty: _____
- PhD – specialty: _____
- Other: _____

Number of Years as SCH Employee: _____

Department: _____

Describe in essay style your professional nursing goals and achievements in 300 words or less:

I voluntarily give the scholarship selection committee the right to make an inquiry of my references, activities and educational record and agree to cooperate in said inquiry. I release from liability all persons, companies, corporations, or schools supplying information.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____